

AN ACT

relating to the retention, storage, and destruction of certain court documents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. COURT DOCUMENTS

Sec. 441.025. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

(2) "Court document" means any instrument, document, paper, or other record filed with, otherwise presented to, or produced by a court in this state.

Sec. 441.026. RETENTION, STORAGE, AND DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN COURT DOCUMENTS. (a) The commission shall adopt rules for the retention, storage, and destruction of a court document filed with, otherwise presented to, or produced by a court in this state before January 1, 1951.

(b) A court in this state may not destroy a court document described by Subsection (a) except as provided by rules of the commission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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David Newkum

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1559 was passed by the House on April 26, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1559 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

30 MAY 11

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE

7:00 pm O'CLOCK

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Greg McDaniel

Secretary of State